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LONDON, Dec. 19.—(4:55 A. M.)—The government has at last consented to mobilize a force, which General Buller is credited with having demanded all along as an essential of success in South Africa, namely, ten thousand mounted infantry.

This morning the War Office issued an order to the effect that the government had decided to raise for South Africa a mounted infantry force to be called "Imperial Yeomanry," and to be recruited from Yeomanry, volunteers and cavalry, comprising the requisite qualifications. Enlistment will be for one year or during the continuance of the war. The men must be between twenty and thirty-five years of age and of equal physique to the ordinary cavalry soldier.

Officers and men are to provide their own horses and to wear neutral tail-coats, breeches, and gaiters. All must be good riders and marksmen.

The same order made every volunteer regiment that is fitted with a regular battery, serving the front, to supply a full company which will take the place of the dismounted infantry of the regiment.

These arrangements are expected to result in a considerable force. The enrolled strength of the Yeomanry forces, which originated in the troublous period of the French revolution, is now 30,431. Their services have never before been called for in war.

The entire class of volunteer enlistments continues and promises to give the government ample material.

## ADDRESSED BY KIPLING.

Rudyard Kipling addressed a meeting at Nottingham last evening called for forming a volunteer company.

The British second-class cruiser Iris was en route Land Kitchener from Egypt to the Cape. She has been ordered to steam at 16 knots.

Special reports regarding the fighting at the Tugela river are still filtering through, but all the newspapers complain that they are severely censored, and it is still impossible to get an accurate idea of the battle. From the latest accounts, however, it appears that General Buller was in personal command.

A correspondent of the Associated Press at Chelmsford camp says the Boers excuse themselves for being under the stretcher-bearers by asserting that two regiments of the Commando Rangers took cover under civilian banners of the Red Cross, and that this act drew the Boer fire, three being killed and several wounded.

Much anxiety is caused by the fact that the War Office has not yet received a full list of casualties at Tugela.

## WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY.

The Standard hints editorially, this morning, that Portugal continues to allow supplies of war material and foreign volunteers to reach the Transvaal through Delagoa Bay, England will have something to say in the matter.

Statements are published from Boer sources in Brussels and Berlin that President Kruger is willing to conclude peace on the basis of the status quo, but that otherwise he will call upon the Boers in Cape Colony to join in proclaiming the independence of the Cape territories of Great Britain.

## DEMOLISHED THE GUNS.

CHELMSFORD CAMP, Friday, December 19.—The relief column continued its advance from Chelmsford early to-day intending to assault the Boer positions which were known to be very strong to the westward and northwest of Colenso. During the two preceding days the Boers had allowed themselves to be bombarded without condescending to reply with a single gun. They turned gave their answer opening this morning without an exchange, when suddenly they belched out a stream of fire from their machine-guns, besides opening a general fire with all that奇葩的 fire, field and mountain guns which were posted from end to end of their positions. When their offensive and actual positions had been ascertained the British naval brigade commanded shelling all the ridges north of the town with marvellous accuracy. At this time the artillery attached to Gen. Hart's division was busy among the outworks on the hill on the British left upon cover of which the British infantry had marched out in extended order to cross the river and attack.

Unconsciously aiming at this battery the Boers sent several shells near the ambulance train which it forced to change its route.

While this was transpiring the Boer artillery, on the right, were busy shelling the ridge of the Boer left bank, their excellent practice attracting the attention of the Boers who retaliated with a scathing fire almost demolishing all the guns and stampeding the gun and limber horses.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The War Office declines either to confirm or contradict the report sent by its correspondent of the Daily Mail that General Buller has crossed the Tugela river and General Methuen's communications have been cut.

## PENNSYLVANIA LYNCHING.

Mob Riddled With Bullets the Body of a Negro Murderer.

DUNBAR, PA., Dec. 19.—Sanford White, superintendent of construction of the W. &amp; W. Rainey Coal Company, was shot and killed to-day by David Pierce, a colored employee.

Pierce then fled to the mountains, followed by an angry mob. He was discovered in hiding and riddled with bullets. Death was instantaneous. There is great excitement.

The trouble began with a quarrel between Pierce and Richard Cunningham, superintendent of the Mount Vernon Works of the W. &amp; W. Rainey Company over a question of work. White interceded in behalf of Cunningham, when

the negro drew a revolver from his pocket and fired, the ball penetrating White's abdomen, making a fatal wound. Immediately after the firing Pierce ran for his life with more than two hundred persons in hot pursuit. He was chased for more than two miles before his would-be captors came within shooting distance, but as soon as they did he was made the target for a shower of bullets. He fell with several wounds through his body and died in a short time. He was about forty years of age, married and had several children. Pierce, the murderer, came to Mount Bradford recently from Virginia. Nothing is known of his family, but he was considered a dangerous character.

The murder caused so much excitement that Pierce would probably have been hanged had he been brought back alive.

## FAILURE IN BOSTON.

Dillaway &amp; Starr, Bankers and Brokers, Assigned Yesterday.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Dillaway &amp; Starr, bankers and brokers of this city, assigned to-day.

The firm is one of the most prominent of its kind in the city, and is composed of Charles F. W. Dillaway, George B. Flint, and A. W. Lawrence. The firm is understood with two other houses, carried on a large quantity of business.

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